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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR
FOR TREATIES

REFERENCE: PANAMA 1581

1. TODAY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY INFORMED
PARLIAMENT OF ITS POSITION ON THE CANAL TREATIES. FOLLOWING
IS TEXT:

2. BEGIN TEXT "BRITISH HAS VITAL INTERESTS IN THE PANAMA
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CANAL. OUR SHIPS ARE THE SECOND LARGEST USERS. WE HAVE
MADE AN EXHAUSTIVE STUDY OF THE TEXTS OF THE NEW TREATIES
WHICH WE UNRESERVEDLY SUPPORT AS A PERMANENT AND STABLE
SOLUTION TO THE FUTURE OF THE CANAL. IN OUR VIEW THE
TREATIES WILL ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CANAL AS A
MAJOR INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY FREE AND OPEN TO ALL SHIPS OF
ALL NATIONS." END TEXT

3. WE HAVE PROVIDED THIS TO SENATE FOR USE IN DEBATE.

4. FIRST SECRETARY OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY TOLD US IN
CONFIDENCE OF GOP'S REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF

THE TREATIES. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER A
STATEMENT BY THEIR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL (WITHOUT
INDICATING WHETHER GOP HAD REQUESTED SUPPORT).

5. UK INITIATIVE HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR SOME WEEKS AND
PLAINLY WAS NOT IN RESPONSE TO A GOP REQUEST. WE ENCOURAG D
UK. WITH REGARD TO OTHERS WE WILL WELCOME STATEMENTS OF
SUPPORT. WE WILL SUGGEST THEY BASE SUPPORT ON IMPORTANCE
TO THEM OF SECURING A PERMANENT AND STABLE SOLUTION FOR TH&
WATERWAY FOR THEIR WORLD TRADE, AND SUGGEST THEY AVOID
ANY DIRECT APPEAL FOR SENATE APPROVAL. WE BELIEVE STATE-
MENTS, LIKE THAT OF THE UK, FROM OUR CLOSEST ALLIES IN
THE DEVELOPED WORLD CAN BE HELPFUL. TO BE USEFUL THEY NEED
TO COME OUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WE DO NOT PLAN TO
SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THESE GOVERNMENTS SINCE APPEARANCE
OF A CAMPAIGN COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. VANCE

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